



Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts **Heusner Elementary**

A Note from the Principal

At Heusner, we believe that a positive learning environment is the foundation for student success. Our goal is to create a community where every child feels safe, valued and ready to learn. Consistent student discipline is key to achieve this. Parents play an important role in this process. Discipline is about teaching responsibility, respect and self-control. Positive discipline helps students build problem-solving and conflict resolution skills. When we work together as a school community, we can ensure that students receive consistent messages about positive behavior.

Here are some ways you can support our efforts:

- Stay in touch with your child's teacher about their behavior. Regular communication helps identify any issues and allows us to collaborate to find solutions.
- Talk with your child about what your expectations are for them when they are at school. At Heusner, we have started talking to students about being safe, teachable and respectful. Discuss what these traits mean and how they help everyone in the school community.
- Children learn by example. Demonstrate respect, patience, and problem-solving at home to reinforce what they are learning at school.
- Give your child opportunities to take responsibility at home. When children have chores or complete homework these tasks help students to develop accountability and organization skills.

If your child faces a consequence, discuss the situation calmly with your child. Help them reflect on their actions and talk about how to make better choices in the future.

When we work together, students thrive. Your support is vital in creating a positive school culture where every child feels respected and ready to learn.

Sincerely,
Lori Munsell, Principal



March

- 2 Site Council-12:00 p.m.
- 2 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Grade 2 Program
6:00 p.m.
- 10 Family Folk Dance
6:30 p.m.
- 13 No School In-service
/Work Day
- 16-20 No School-Spring
Break

April

- 3 & 6 No School
- 13 Site Council 12 p.m. &
PTA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 16 Grade 4 Music Program
6 p.m.
- 21 Career Day for Grades
3, 4 & 5 - 2:30p.m.
- 23 Kindergarten Roundup 6
p.m.
- 24 Family Fun Night
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 27 Strings Concert - Central
High School 7 p.m.

Spring Break



No School March 13 through March 20, 2026



Parent High Five Fridays

High Five Fridays are a joyful way to kick off the end of the week at Heusner. Each Friday morning, students are welcomed with high fives from staff, community members and parents, filling our halls with smiles, laughter and positive energy. This simple tradition helps students feel celebrated, connected and excited to be at school, setting a positive tone for the day and the entire school community. Heusner grownups are invited to join us on the dates below to help greet students with high fives from 8:00–8:45 a.m.

- March 27- kindergarten grown-ups
- April 10- first grade
- April 17- second grade
- April 24- third grade
- May 1- fourth grade
- May 8- high school seniors
- May 15- fifth grade



Music News from Ms. Cash

Join us for Grade 2 program at 6:00 p.m. on March 2, 2026.

We invite you to the second annual Family Folk Dance on March 10 at 6:30 p.m.



PTA News

Join the PTA meeting in the library on March 2 at 7:00 p.m.



Kindergarten Roundup April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Roundup is an exciting opportunity for families to take their first step into our school community!

Join us on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. for a special evening designed for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. While students enjoy fun, play-based activities with our kindergarten teachers in the classroom, parents will learn about important topics to help set their child up for a successful start to school.

This is a great chance to meet our staff, connect with other families, and begin building a strong partnership together. We can't wait to partner with you on this journey!

To sign up for Kindergarten Roundup, please call the office at 785-309-4200.

SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event

If your child will be aged three on or before August 31, 2026, and meets the criteria in one of the following areas:

- CKCIE Special Education
- Head Start
- Preschool Age At-Risk

Learn about Salina Public Schools Preschool programs, eligibility requirements and the application process for the upcoming school year at the SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event.

When: Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 6:00 –7:00 p.m.

Where: All SPS elementary school locations

If you have questions, please call 785-309-5000.

Greatness Grows When You're Here!

As we move into the spring months, consistent attendance remains essential for student success. Missing even a few days of school can make it more difficult for students to stay on track academically and socially.

This is a great time to refresh daily routines such as consistent bedtimes, morning preparations and transportation plans to help students finish the year strong. While spring often brings busy schedules and changing routines, making school attendance a daily priority makes a meaningful impact.

If your family is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out so we can work together to support your student. Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Take Our Belonging Survey

During conferences, families were invited to complete our Belonging Survey. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please take a few minutes to do so by using the link below. The survey will close on March 20.

This survey helps our district and schools understand how connected families feel to their student's school and guides efforts to strengthen belonging for students, families and staff. If you have students at more than one school, please complete a separate survey for each school by reopening the original link.



English Survey



Spanish Survey

Heusner, Growing Creative Minds and Caring Hearts!

New Horizon Award Winner

Congratulations to Mrs. Baughman. Mrs. Baughman was recognized at the Board of Education meeting for being an outstanding teacher who truly meets her littles right where they are. Her preschool classroom is a place where love, care and joy are felt the moment you walk in. Through play-based learning, she creates meaningful experiences that nurture curiosity, confidence and growth in every child.

We are so proud of Mrs. Baughman and grateful for the heart she pours into her students each and every day!



Welcome

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new school secretary - Mrs. Budke!

We are so excited to have her join our team. From day one, she has shown that she is eager to help, ready to learn and committed to supporting our students, families and staff. The front office is the heart of our school, and her positive attitude and willingness to jump in wherever needed are already making a difference.

Be sure to stop by, introduce yourself. We are grateful she is here!



March Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				


- 2 Site Council-12:00 p.m.
- 2 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Grade 2 Program 6:00 p.m.

- 10 Heusner Family Folk Dance 6:30 p.m.
- 13 No School In-service /Work Day
- 16-20 No School-Spring Break

Contact Us

Lori Munsell - Principal
 Sandra Renz - Assistant Principal
 Andrea Budke - Lead Admin. Assistant
 Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4200



 **Heusner Elementary**

 **School Website**

 **District Website**

#HeusnerPride

#305GrowsGreatness